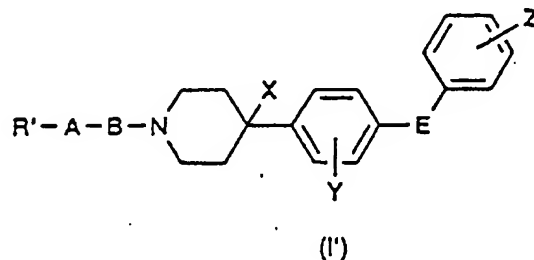


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1 – 10. (canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A compound having the formula (I'):



wherein, R' is an optionally substituted phenyl group, an optionally substituted phenoxy group, or an optionally substituted benzoyl group, A is a connecting bond, B is an alkylene group optionally substituted with a hydroxyl group or an alkoxy group, E is an oxygen atom, X is a hydroxyl group, and Y and Z may be the same or different from each other and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, or an alkyl group optionally substituted with a halogen atom, provided that, when ~~X is a hydroxyl group and R' is an~~ optionally substituted phenyl group, B is not an unsubstituted alkylene group, and when R' is an optionally substituted phenoxy group, B is not an unsubstituted alkylene group, or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

12. (Currently amended) A compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 11, wherein, in the formula (I'), R', A, B, and X are selected from the group consisting of:

1) R' is an optionally substituted phenyl group, A is a connecting bond, B is an alkylene group substituted with a hydroxyl group, and X is a hydroxyl group;

~~2) R' is an optionally substituted phenyl group, A is a connecting bond B is an alkylene group substituted with a hydroxyl group, and X is a hydroxyl group;~~

[[3]] 2) R' is an optionally substituted phenoxy group, A is a connecting bond, B is an alkylene group substituted with a hydroxyl group, and X is a hydroxyl group; and

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[[4]]] 3) R' is an optionally substituted benzoyl group, A is a connecting bond, B is an alkylene group optionally substituted with a hydroxyl group or ~~an alkoxy group or an~~ alkoxy group and X is a hydroxyl group where further E is an oxygen atom, Y and Z may be the same or different from each other and represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, an alkoxy group, or an alkyl group optionally substituted with a halogen atom.

Claim 13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12, wherein, in the formula (I'), R' is an optionally substituted benzoyl group, A is a connecting bond, and X is a hydroxyl group.

15. (Previously Presented) A compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12, wherein, in the formula (I'), R' is an optionally substituted phenyl group, A is a connecting bond, B is a dimethylene group substituted with a hydroxyl group, and X is a hydroxyl group.

16. (Previously Presented) A compound or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt as claimed in claim 11 or claim 12, wherein, in the formula (I'), R' is an optionally substituted phenoxy group, A is a connecting bond, B is a trimethylene group substituted with a hydroxyl group, and X is a hydroxyl group.

Claim 17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition containing as an effective ingredient, the compound having the formula (I') according to claim 11 or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt.

Claims 20-21. (Cancelled)